

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disc cartridge to be accommodated on a tray in a drive includes, a surface having a reference area and a low area concavely formed lower than the reference surface to have a predetermined step. An apparatus for loading the cartridge includes an interference portion protruding on an upper surface of the tray to have a height corresponding to the step. The interference portion contacts an area which does not belong to a range in which the shutter moves in the low area of the disc cartridge when the disc cartridge is normally inserted, and the interference portion interferes with the reference area when the disc cartridge is inserted in a reverse direction.